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Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on Afghanistan, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 16 April 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Afghanistan issued by the European Community and its member States on 16 April 1992

The Community and its member States welcome the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 10 April and fully support the United Nations plan which provides the basis for a peaceful solution of the Afghan issue through a transitional mechanism leading to the creation of an interim government and the holding of free and fair elections.

The Community and its member States attach considerable importance to an early transfer of power so as to safeguard the unity and territorial integrity of Afghanistan, which has received the support of all Governments concerned. They particularly commend the efforts of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Benon Sevan, towards a political settlement in Afghanistan.

The Community and its member States fully support the implementation of the United Nations plan and urge all parties concerned to refrain from any action that might jeopardize the positive efforts now under way. They hope there will be an end to the hostilities and the declaration of a general amnesty will come into force after President Najibullah hands over power.

The Community and its member States wish to point out that, in addition to the recent food aid to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, a further positive response to Mr. Boutros-Ghali's urgent appeal for food aid is at present being considered.